

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

After the foregoing Amendment, Claims 1, 3, 5 – 7, 9 - 10, 12, 14 – 28, 30 - 32, 36 - 46, 49 and 51 are currently pending in this application. Claims 2, 4, 8, 11, 13, 29, 33 - 35, 47 - 48, 50 and 52 -55 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, and 30 have been amended. Rejoined claims 38 and 45 have been indicated as (Previously presented). Applicants submit that no new matter has been added by these amendments.

**Allowable Subject Matter**

The Examiner is thanked for indicating that claims 4, 6, 10, 15 – 21, 23, 24, 26 – 28, and 31 contain allowable subject matter; and that claims 32, 36 – 46, 49, and 51 are allowed. Applicants also thank the Examiner for rejoining claims 38 and 45.

**Claim Rejections - 35 USC §102**

Claims 1 – 3, 5, 7, 12, 14, 22, 25, and 30 were rejected in the Action under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 614,284 (Barnett). The amendment to claim 1, incorporating the allowable subject matter of claim 4 and intervening claim 2, obviates the rejection under § 102. To the extent that only allowed claims remain in the application, the rejection in view of Barnett is moot. Accordingly, withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) rejection of the claims is respectfully requested.

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**Conclusion**

If the Examiner believes that any additional minor formal matters need to be addressed in order to place this application in condition for allowance, or that a telephone interview will help to materially advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at the Examiner's convenience.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application, including claims 1, 3, 5 - 7, 9 - 10, 12, 14 - 28, 30 - 32, 36 - 46, 49 and 51, is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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